

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-36. The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated February 14, 2005 have been carefully considered by the Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 18 to remove the reference to paragraph (c), and now reads "further comprising," as suggested. As such, Applicant respectfully contends that Claim 18 particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter and overcomes the Examiner's objections.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 1, 5-20, and 22-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blight et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,542). Applicant has reviewed the above cited references and respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 5-20, and 22-

36 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Blight et al. reference.

Independent Claim 1

Applicant respectfully points out that independent Claim 1 recites that the present invention includes, in part:

a plurality of electronic devices coupled to said communication network, each of said plurality of electronic devices including a selector for initiating a user initiated communication interface that presents to said user network connectivity information specific to an associated electronic device implementing said communication interface, wherein said network connectivity information is necessary for establishing communication paths to other electronic devices coupled to said communication network. (Emphasis Added)

The present invention pertains to a communication system that implements a user initiated connectivity to a communication network. In particular, independent Claim 1 recites that a user initiated selector initiates a communication interface. The communication interface presents network connectivity information to a user. The network connectivity information is specific to an electronic device that implements the communication interface.

Applicant respectfully notes that the prior art reference, Blight et al., does not teach nor suggest the

present user initiated selector that presents, in particular, to a user, network connectivity information for the associated electronic device implementing the communication interface, as claimed in independent Claim 1 of the present invention.

In contrast to independent Claim 1, the Blight et al. reference discloses a resource proxy for mobile wireless electronic devices that dynamically stores a set of resources that are available to the mobile wireless electronic device, and that are location specific. The resource proxy is located and implemented at the mobile device, and is used to maintain a list of available location based resources. Specifically, a resource table is disclosed to maintain a list of available resources. Also, a gateway table is used to select the particular pathway that is used to access a resource that is listed in the resource table. As such, the resource proxy stores information pertaining to remotely located devices that are available for communication with a mobile wireless electronic device.

The present invention, on the other hand, claims a plurality of electronic devices, wherein each electronic device includes a selector that when initiated by a user initiates a communication interface that presents to the user connectivity information. The connectivity

information is specific to the associated electronic device that is implementing the communication interface. For example, the connectivity information can be displayed on the associated electronic device, or printed out for an associated electronic device that is a printer. This connectivity information can be used by the user to establish communication paths from the associated electronic device implementing the communication interface to other electronic device through a communication network.

As such, the present invention discloses a user initiated selector that presents to a user connectivity information that is pertinent to the associated electronic device implementing the communication interface, as disclosed in independent Claim 1. This is in direct contrast to the Blight et al. reference that discloses a resource proxy for mobile wireless electronic devices that dynamically stores a set of resources that are available to the mobile wireless electronic device, and that are location specific.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by the Blight et al. reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 2-10 which depend from

independent Claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Independent Claims 11, 19, and 29

Applicant respectfully points out that independent Claims 11, 19, and 29 each recite that the present invention discloses methods for connection in which a communication interface that is user initiated provides network connectivity information necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to the communication network.

Specifically, independent Claims 11 and 29 each recite that the present invention discloses, in part:

providing a communication interface on an electronic device coupled to a communication network that when initiated by a user provides to said user pertinent network connectivity information specific to said electronic device necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to said communication network. (Emphasis Added)

Also, independent Claim 19 recites that the present invention discloses, in part:

providing to said user network connectivity information for said first electronic device, said network connectivity information necessary for establishing communication paths to other electronic devices coupled to said communication network. (Emphasis Added)

The present invention pertains to methods of connection that implement user initiated communication interface on an electronic device that when initiated presents to a user connectivity information specific to the electronic device that is necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to a communication network. In particular, independent Claim 1 recites that a user initiated selector initiates a communication interface. The communication interface presents network connectivity information to a user. The network connectivity information is specific to an electronic device that implements the communication interface.

For analogous reasons set forth above in relation to supporting the allowance of independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully notes that the prior art reference, Blight et al., does not teach nor suggest the present provision of network connectivity information to a user, wherein the network connectivity information is specific to the electronic device implementing the communication interface, as is recited in independent Claims 11, 19, and 29. The connectivity information is necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to the communication network.

Specifically, the Blight et al. reference does not disclose the provision of the communication interface that when initiated provides to the user pertinent network connectivity information specific to the electronic device implementing the communication interface, as recited in independent Claims 1 and 11. Moreover, the Blight et al. reference does not disclose the provision, to the user, network connectivity information for an electronic device upon initiation of the communication interface on the electronic device by the user, as recited in independent Claim 19.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claims 11, 19, and 29 is not anticipated by the Blight et al. reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 12-18 which depend from independent Claim 11 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Also, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 20-28 which depend from independent Claim 19 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 30-36 which depend from independent Claim 29 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected Claims for allowance thereof.

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-36 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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